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We again congratulate the South Carolina Historical Society on its new venture.

**EARLY SETTLERS OF ALABAMA.** By Col. James Edmonds Saunders, Lawrence county, Ala. With Notes and Genealogies by His Granddaughter, Elizabeth Saunders Blair Stubbs, New Orleans, La. New Orleans, 1899. Pp. 530, XXIV (Index).

Though the title page of this large and interesting book states that it treats of the early settlers of Alabama, it really, as is shown some pages further on, relates to the northern portion of the State. In 1880, Colonel J. E. Saunders, a native of Virginia, who had been for sixty years a resident of Lawrence county, Ala., commenced in a local newspaper a series of graphic and carefully prepared articles on his "Recollections of North Alabama." His granddaughter, Mrs. Stubbs, has republished these, with much additional matter which he had not used, and has added a second part containing notes and genealogies, more or less complete, of many families resident in that section of country.

Colonel Saunders' "recollections," which include a history of Lawrence county, are full of interest, and treat of such subjects as the Cherokee Indians, style of dress and type of love in early times, biographical sketches of merchants, judges, county officers, newspapers and editors, inn-keepers, lawyers, physicians, ministers, family histories, Alabama regiments in the war between the States, &c., &c. Throughout he gives much personal detail, which adds to the interest of the book.

Part II, by Mrs. Stubbs, is composed of genealogies and genealogical notes, and contains a vast amount of information in regard to the families of Banks, Bankhead, Bibb, Blair, Cantzon, Clay, Coleman, Cox, Du Bose, Dudley, Dunn, Elliott, Flint, Foster, Fry, Gholson, Goode, Gray, Harris, Hill, Hopkins, Lanier, Ligon, Lowe, Manning, Maclin, McGehee, Maury, Oliver, O'Neal, Phelan, Poellnitz, Ray, Richardson, Saunders, Shelton, Sherrod, Shorter, Speed, Swoope, Tait, Taliaferro, Thompson, Tillman, Urquhart, Walthall, Watkins, Webb, Weeden, Wells, White, Withers, Wyatt, Yates, Young, and many others. The authoress appears to have done her work carefully and well. She has been a close student of the Virginia county and land records (for most of the settlers of north Alabama were from Virginia), and has printed a mass of notes gathered in her researches in those records. It would have been advisable, however, to have notified her readers that because the people named in the extracts from the records bore the same surname as the family she is treating of, that it by no means follows that there was any relation.

Of course, in such a large amount of genealogical matter there must be some errors; but Mrs. Stubbs has been unsparing in time and labor in her efforts to obtain accuracy. There is a good index.